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Second Edition

LAST DAY OF THE FAIR

And a Few Words About Professor Isaac H. Smith

THE MAN FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS

RACING EVENTS AT THE FAIR—HEATS WON.

A Large and Enthusiastic Crowd Witness the Sport, Which Will be Transferred to the Washington Fair.

Special to The Tribune.
Newbern, N. C., Feb. 26.—Had yesterday been as pretty as today, Newbern people and fair visitors could have been told that the large attendance today was a surprise. The crowd was enthusiastic and races caught the eye of them. No better meet has been held at any fair in the State. Races have not always been so fast, but all agree that the excitement and the heat have been on tracks and not in the streets. Yesterday's rain made the track a little heavy today. Today's races were: Trotting race, 2:20 class, best three in five, mile heats, four hundred dollars.
First heat, Lucy Ashely first, Miss Thompson second and Elifaula C. third.
Second heat, Lucy Ashely first, Elifaula C. second and Miss Thompson third.
Third heat, Palmetto Prince first, Elifaula C. second and Lucy Ashely third.
Fourth heat, Palmetto Prince first, Elifaula C. second and Lucy Ashely third.
Fifth heat, Lucy Ashely first, Palmetto Prince second and Elifaula C. third.
Trotting race, 2:20 class, best three in five, mile heats, three hundred dollars. Sam then took three straight heats with Lillian D. second, Rapid third. Time 2:42.
Bicycle race, two thirds of a mile, best two in three, one hundred and fifty dollars. St. Vincent took both heats in 1:17. Florence Hubert second and Ginger Ale third. Ed. Denton, Raleigh horse My-Vic entered in this race, but was handicapped by a heavy rider. The races scheduled for today will be run Saturday.
The fair closes Saturday evening. Many premiums were awarded today and the judges will get through tomorrow.
R. H. H.

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 26.—Newbern has a candidate for recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia in the person of Prof. Isaac H. Smith. It is not the idea of The Tribune correspondent to back Prof. Smith for this responsible position, but to show that Newbern has a self-made man of the colored race who is capable of filling the position.
This man is a negro, and he knows it, but he has risen far above the large majority of his race, who have had the same opportunities he had.
Prof. Smith is comparatively well to do. He has a \$10,000 home in Newbern which is said to be finished in the interior better than any house in the city. He does a banking and loan business and owns some business property and other real estate.
Friends of the aspirant contend that if a North Carolina man gets the plum Smith will be the one. He is accredited with being the original McKinley man. Especially is this so of his race in the entire State. When other leading colored men were working for Hon. Thos. E. Rice this man was working and spending his money for McKinley.
On a recent visit to Washington the present recorder of deeds entertained Prof. Smith with a banquet and honored him as his logical successor.
When a call was made for subscriptions to the Vance monument fund, Prof. Smith was the first to respond and his alacrity should put to shame many white people, and especially Democrats. His charity is quite noted. There are several poor and deserving white women to whom he gives a stated amount each week, and he makes no distinction between white and black when it comes to charity.
Christmas, which has just passed, was celebrated by the worthy poor of his race here in a fitting manner. Prof. Smith had prepared and loaded with desirable necessities at his own cost a magnificent Christmas tree, from which all the deserving received gifts.
Hundreds of people have endorsed the prominent colored man for this position. He has a petition signed by the bishops of the Zion A. M. E. Church. The Newbern Chronicle, which is a thoroughly Democratic, has endorsed Prof. Smith in a splendid editorial. Prof. Smith is capable and competent in all the position, and it is not amiss to quote from a paper (the editorial in the Newbern Chronicle) which is published here, where he is known and where the editor knows him:
"If a colored man must have the position of recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, we say without reservation there is no colored man in the country more entitled to the appointment than Prof. Isaac H. Smith of this city. While the country is full of 'original' McKinley men, it is a fact which we will vouch for that Prof. Smith was out in a card for McKinley more than twenty-four months ago. Besides this, he was the only colored man from this State yet known—who was enthusiastic enough to send the campaign fund a handsome subscription. Besides all this, Prof. Smith is

able and qualified, has the united support of his party and really deserves a bit of pie. We don't believe the Republican party could pick a man who is more entitled to the position.

THE RACES.
The races and entries published in The Tribune yesterday for yesterday's races were brought off today, being postponed yesterday because of the rain.

Following are the entries for Saturday. Three races were scheduled for Friday, but are to come off Saturday, as Thursday's events were brought off Friday.
Trotting to harness—2:30 class—Purse \$400. Mile heats; best three in five.
Running race—Purse \$100—Two-thirds of a mile. Best two in three.
2:30 CLASS.
Tim, M. H. White, Hertford.
Little Steve, Wm. Ellis, Newberne.
Rapid, Geo. D. Bennett, Goldsboro.
Easter Lily, T. M. Hewitt, Weyanoke, Va.
Barney, b. g., Lawrence Kelly, Savannah, Ga.
London, John O'Hogan, Richmond, Va.
Myrtle Peek, F. W. Foster, Augusta, Ga.
Miss Meadows, b. m., G. D. Austin, Raleigh.
Calla Lilly, J. F. Jordan & Co., Greensboro.
Ziller B., James Lassiter, Richmond, Va.

RUNNING.
Tangle Foot, M. H. White, Hertford.
St. Vincent, M. H. White, Hertford.
Myra H., W. N. Taylor, Lynchburg, Va.
Niello, B. Cameron, Stagsville.
Florence Hubert, G. S. Engelking, Ashland, Va.
CROWDS THINNING OUT.
Many of the big crowds in Newbern left yesterday and this morning and by tomorrow night the city will assume its normal trend of affairs.
It was an ill wind that blew up the rain for Newbern's fair. This spite from the clouds caused a loss to the management of about half of what their receipts would have been. Coming in the middle of the week as it did, and when such large crowds were present, it is conservatively estimated that the fair is out of pocket about \$4,500 on admission tickets and grand stand sales.

WASHINGTON FAIR NEXT.
March 2, 3 and 4 the Washington, N. C. fair holds forth. Many of the horsemen are considering taking their horses over. Quite a number have entries at Washington meet, but the others may go. If the weather clears in a day or two permanently this will be decided. In fact, the race men will have to decide soon to get in their entries.
E. V. Denton, of Raleigh, will take My-Vic to Washington. The next time My-Vic runs a new mount will be on. Better things can then be expected of the Raleigh flyer.
Of course all the amusements, and fairs will go there. A number of the stock, cattle and fowl exhibits will also go to Washington.

Clark's nomination
Will not be considered at
Committee Meeting
on Monday.
THE APPOINTMENT AN EMPTY HONOR
SENATOR PRITCHARD SAYS THE
APPOINTMENT
Will Come From the Eastern District—Mr. Pearson will not be
Disappointed if the President does
Veto the Civil Service Bill.

Special to The Tribune.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Senators Hill and Thurston, members of the judiciary committee, both expressed the opinion today that Mr. Clark's nomination would not be considered at the committee meeting Monday. A resident of the district, Senator Pritchard said today, would, in his opinion, be appointed judge in the eastern judicial district.

Mr. Pearson has information today that he President will veto the sundry civil appropriation bill, and he is not depressed on that account.
Senator Pritchard will go before the ways and means committee tomorrow and urge a tax of 5 per cent. on Egyptian cotton. Southern cotton planters demand this protection.

Gen. W. P. Roberts, consul at Victoria, left tonight for his post after a sixty days' leave of absence.
J. B. H.

The Henry Police Bill.
Special to The Tribune.
Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 26.—The Henry "police bill" is kicking up a racket here, and strange to say among its enemies is a leading Republican, who, it is claimed, is forcing his employees either to sign a protest addressed to the assembly or "git." Not desiring to "git," all but four have signed the petition.

Extra Session.
Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 26.—Governor Bradley is preparing a call for an extra session of the legislature March 18.

SENATOR JAMES T. HYATT

AND JOE ALEXANDER, PRIVATE SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNOR—SENATOR HYATT STRIKES ALEXANDER

For Offering Him the Position of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, as a Bribe to Vote Against Major Grant's Substitute for the Lease of N. C. R. R.

Yesterday morning in the Senate Chamber of the capitol, Senator Jas. L. Hyatt from the thirty-first Senatorial District, and Mr. Joe Alexander, Private Secretary to Governor Daniel L. Russell, had a fight, which resulted in Senator Hyatt striking Alexander in the face and otherwise resenting an insult. The cause of the trouble was, as Senator Hyatt says, an offer by Alexander from the Governor offering to bribe Senator Hyatt for his vote for the bill to annul the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, which matter was then pending in the Senate. The difficulty occurred in one of the ante-rooms of the Senate Chamber, and passed off so quickly that few people knew anything about it at the time.

There was quite a crowd of people around the combatants at the time, yet it all passed so quickly that few saw the occurrence. Senator Hyatt was seen shortly after the affray by a TRIBUNE man, and asked for an explanation, and he made the following statement: "Mr. Alexander came to me this morning and began talking to me about the lease question. We had quite a little friendly talk, lasting about a quarter of an hour, and Alexander attempted to persuade me to vote to annul the lease of the North Carolina Railroad. I explained to him my position, by stating that I was sent to the Senate by the people of my district, and that I had received several petitions from them asking that I use my influence in favor of the lease; and that as their representative, I would do as they desired. Mr. Alexander then said the Governor was going to take care of his friends, and asked me if I would accept a position if it was offered me. I told him that, all things considered, I would do so with pleasure, if it was offered in the proper manner.

"Mr. Alexander then left me, and appeared in a very good humor. In about a half an hour he returned to the Senate chamber and beckoned to me. I left my seat and went to him, and we walked into one of the library rooms in the Senate chamber. On arriving there, Alexander turned to me, and said that if I would stand by the Governor in this North Carolina Railroad lease question, that Governor Russell would appoint me as Secretary to the Board of Agriculture at a salary of \$1,500 per year. As he said this, I grabbed him by the lapel of the coat with my left hand and struck him on the neck with my right hand and followed up the blow with several on the chest and shoulders, and told him that he was a dirty, contemptible coward to make me such a proposition, and I looked upon it as an infamous insult. I was so mad that I would have hurt him badly but for the fact that the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and Representative Aiken grabbed me and came between us. They asked me what was the matter, and I told them that the damned coward had tried to bribe me by offering me a position in the Agricultural Department for my vote on the railroad lease question. I consider this offer as a bribe of the lowest order, and I resented the insult by striking the cur who made it. I consider my honor as a man dearer to me than any position Governor Russell or his allies can offer me. I denounce the act as a piece of cowardly business, and in resenting the insult I have done what any true North Carolina citizen should have done.

"I will rise today before the Senate and refer to the matter as a personal privilege, and will see if the Governor can offer bribes to the members of the Assembly with impunity. I do not come from a district where such acts would be tolerated."

Representative E. A. Aiken from Transylvania county was within a few feet of the men when the fight occurred. He said, in an interview with the TRIBUNE man: "I was standing in a few feet from Senator Hyatt and Mr. Alexander, talking to a couple of gentlemen, when my attention was called by a noise behind me. I turned and saw Senator Hyatt and Alexander clinched. Hyatt had Alexander by the coat, and was striking him in the chest. I jumped towards them to separate them, and I heard Hyatt say the damned scoundrel was trying to bribe him, but that no man could insult him. They were not making much fuss, and very few people knew the fight had occurred until after it was all over. There was no loud talking done; if there had been I would have heard same. As I helped to separate them, Hyatt said to me that the dirty little coward had offered to bribe him by securing for him the position as Private Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, and that he had resented the insult. That's about all there was to the fight."

V. J. McArthur, the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, saw the fight, and he said to a TRIBUNE man: "The first I saw of the fight was when I turned towards the ante-room on hearing a noise, and I saw Senator Hyatt strike Alexander. I jumped in between them, and Alexander was almost as white as a sheet, and he look badly frightened. The Senate was in session at the time, and no one was disturbed. I heard no loud talking or noise. When I pushed them apart Senator Hyatt said he would not allow any man to insult him. I then asked the Senator what was the matter, and he replied that the damned scoundrel had offered to bribe him with the position of Secretary of the Agricultural Department. Alexander said it was not so, whereupon Hyatt said he was an infamous liar, and would have struck him again, but I kept them apart. Senator Hyatt was very angry, and he could hardly keep his hands off of Alexander."

ALEXANDER'S STATEMENT.
I was speaking to Hyatt about the lease bill, and urging him to vote for the original bill. I said: "It is claimed that Federal patronage is being used to defeat the bill annulling the North Carolina Railroad lease. It is claimed that no man who votes for the bill will be recognized in the distribution of Federal patronage." This was the statement I intended to refute when I spoke to Mr. Hyatt; and said that "the Governor was as able to take care of his friends as the Southern Railroad was to take care of theirs." Whereupon Hyatt said in a loud tone of voice, and seemingly to attract attention, that I was trying to bribe him. I said it was a lie; that he did not understand or want to understand what I said. He attempted to strike me, but jumped out in the crowd and said I wanted to bribe him; to which I reiterated the "lie." His friends took him away, and there was no further colloquy or controversy. I offered him no position, nor promised to use my influence for him in any manner, shape or form.

BIMETALLIC CONFERENCE

Bill Passed in the House by a Vote of 279 to 3.

SANGUILLY CASE IN THE SENATE

PUTS THAT BODY IN A JOCLAR HUMOR.

Action on Appropriation Bills Still Deferred—Arbitration of Labor Troubles—Daughters of the Revolution Recognized.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The interpretation to be placed upon the declaration of the platform of the Republican national convention regarding the securing of an international bimetallic agreement, was the subject of an animated and at times exciting debate in the House today. The result was that, so far as the record showed, but three Republicans were of opinion that the committee on coinage, public debt and measures, which Mr. C. W. Stone (Republican, Pennsylvania) moved to suspend the rules and pass. The debate lasted two hours, and was participated in by a dozen or more of the members. The principal speeches against the bill were made by Messrs. Quigg (Republican, New York), Johnson (Republican, Indiana), and Knox (Republican, Massachusetts), and in advocacy thereof of Messrs. C. W. Stone (Republican, Pennsylvania), McCreery (Democrat, Kentucky), Hepburn (Republican, Iowa), Dingley (Republican, Maine), and Grosvenor (Republican, Ohio). Mr. Dingley's speech was the first he had made for many weeks, and his appearance was greeted with applause.

The bill was passed on a ye and nay vote—279 to 3.

The operation of the rule permitting motions to suspend the rules and pass bills began to run today for the remainder of the session. The following measures were passed: Setting apart a site in the city of Washington for a memorial building to be erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Prohibiting the importation of impure and unwholesome tea.
At 5:25 the House adjourned.

SENATE.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The Senate had the Indian appropriation bill before it throughout all today's session, but that fact did not prevent Cuba and the Sanguiely case from being fought over even in a more angry and excited manner than it had been yesterday. At the very opening Mr. Frye (Republican, Maine) referred to the dispatch announcing Sanguiely's release today, and deprecated further discussion of the matter, saying that for his part he did not believe in wasting powder simply for the purpose of making a noise.

The Sanguiely resolution having been sent to the calendar, two other resolutions as to victims of Spanish cruelty (Exmoat, Alabama) in the case of George Washington Aguirre and one by Mr. Call in relation to the suicide or murder of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz. As to Aguirre, there were some comments upon his baptismal name, Mr. Morgan assuming that it gave to Aguirre an additional claim upon American sympathy, and Mr. Lindsay (Democrat, Kentucky) asserting that his surrender, under a proclamation of amnesty was an un-George Washington act. A letter from Mr. Ethan Allen, of New York, vouching for the young man, was read, and Mr. Hoar was led, in a jocose mood, to inquire with an air of gravity, whether that was the Ethan Allen of the revolution. Mr. Morgan said that he was the grandson of the revolutionary hero, and another senator added the information that he was the president of the Cuban junta of New York. The storm broke out again through the Sanguiely matter and Senators White (Democrat, California) and Lodge (Republican, Massachusetts) had some delicate sparring, in which Mr. White spoke ironically of Mr. Lodge as one of the great men of the world and as knowing more about the Spanish property than all other Spanish scholars known. This was provoked by Mr. Lodge's sneering at Mr. White for pronouncing "Julio" as "Hullo." Mr. Lodge retorted by imputing envy to the California senator because his long speech yesterday had not enthused the galleries.

When Mr. Hale (Republican, Maine) appeared, the senators to lay aside all extraneous discussions and confine themselves to the business of appropriation bills for the six remaining days of the session (saying that he expected the Senate to sit on Sunday) he was cruelly ridiculed by Mr. Morgan and told that he ought to start out on

a regular lecturing tour, if he could find a lot of school children for his audience.

The Alabama senator was in a very uncongenial mood. He retired angrily and with every remark of disrespect to permit either Senator Hoar or Senator Hale to interject a remark into his speech; but he reserved his bitterest words for President Cleveland, who, he declared, contemptuously, as having been "down on his hunkers" praying Spain to release Sanguiely, also as a sluggard, sleeping and snoring while Americans suffered."

Mr. Morgan was on the floor over an hour. After he resumed his seat the bitterness faded out of the debate. Instead of it there was a witty passage between Senators Daniel (Democrat, Virginia) and Gray (Democrat, Delaware). When the former used the Spanish word incommunicado, Mr. Gray assumed ignorance of its meaning, and said he did not talk Spanish. With a pleasant and gracious smile, Mr. Daniel excused himself and said that he thought the senator from Delaware had just been talking very good Spanish. This polite retort (with its unexpressed but well-understood meaning) provoked an outburst of laughter on the floor and in the galleries, which were crowded at the day.

In the pleasant turn which the discussion had thus taken the Cuban question was permitted to subside, and the actual consideration of the Indian appropriation bill was resumed. The bill had not passed when, at 6 p. m., a recess was taken until 7:30 p. m.

Forsyth Republican Club—Elegant Social Functions.

Special to The Tribune.
Winston, N. C., Feb. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Clement Manly gave an elegant reception at their charming home to-night in honor of Misses Annie Gray and Kate Buford, of Richmond, and Miss Emma Jones, of Danville. One hundred invitations were issued in the city. It was the most brilliant event of the season.

C. B. Watson, late Democratic candidate for Governor, gave a sumptuous supper to Winston lawyers and Judge Green last night at his elegant home.

The Forsyth Republican club, fifty strong, will leave Tuesday in Pullman car for the McKinley inauguration. Col. P. H. Lybrook, the president, is in charge.
K.

Lieut. Governor's Private Secretary Seriously Ill.

Special to The Tribune.
Winston, N. C., Feb. 26.—Fred Nilsen, private secretary to Lieut. Gov. Reynolds, is seriously ill at his home here with appendicitis.
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FIRE FIEND AT WORK

Incendiarism Rampant in the City of Wilmington.

TWO BIG FIRES WITHIN A FEW HOURS

THE CITY IN DARKNESS, ELECTRIC LIGHT WIRES MELTED.

Loss of Life—Great Excitement—The Losses are Partially Covered by Insurance—List of Property Destroyed.

Special to The Tribune.
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 26.—Fire broke out at 7:15 tonight in the rear of C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s store and threatens the old National Bank building and promises at this writing to eclipse the fire of last Friday night. There is tremendous excitement.

Later—The Messenger (newspaper) office and Divine & Chadbourne, oil and paints, are evidently doomed. A light southwest wind is blowing. The smoke on the streets is suffocating. The old bank building is now burning. Firemen are working nobly to confine the fire.

Later—The fire is now under control. The heroic efforts of the firemen confined the fire to Polvogt's store. The Messenger office and other stores were saved by a close shave. Polvogt's dry goods stock and store are destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. Mr. C. W. Polvogt had left the store but fifteen minutes before the fire broke out. Its origin is so far a mystery.

Two other alarms of fire were just now sent in from widely separated parts of the city.
12 a. m.—The two fire alarms before reported were false. An hour ago another big fire broke out in McNair & Calder's naval store yard, foot of Anne street, and is only now under control. The wind has freshened since last report. The situation for awhile looked as if the whole city might be consumed. The tug Warren aided the department very materially in preventing the spread of the last fire. Damage, estimated at \$10,000.

During the excitement of the fire a boy, Fitz Gibson, was run over by a wagon; head seriously injured, bones broken; but concussion may prove fatal. The fires are now perfectly under control and the crowds dispersing.

The fire at McNair's wharf was evidently of incendiary origin.
C. W. Polvogt & Co. are partially insured; also McNair & Calder. The fire alarm system is out of order. The city is in darkness, electric wires having been burned. The streets are crowded with people.
H. W. P.

CONGRESSMAN MURRAY

Charges of Fraud in the Elections in South Carolina

INVESTIGATED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD VOTERS OF THEIR FRANCHISE.

Petition of 150,000 People for a Republican Form of Government—Even School Teachers Classed as Illiterates.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The House Committee on Elections of President, Vice-President and members of Congress today gave a further hearing on the petitions presented to the House by Mr. Murray, of South Carolina, making certain charges of fraud regarding the elections in that State under the new constitution, and requesting a congressional investigation of the matter.

Mr. Wilson (Dem., S. C.) spoke on the aspects of the case, holding that Congress had no right to investigate.

The milk in the cocoanut, he said, was that Mr. Murray and his co-contestants desired their testimony to be backed up by evidence collected by Congress. This they would use in the contested election case of Mr. Murray when brought before the House. He explained the requirements as to registration as being drawn in the interest of the illiterate.

He did not approve of the plan of investigation suggested by Mr. Murray. Under it the House only would be considered and a report would be made to it. This would not be binding upon the Senate. The proper procedure would be to have a joint committee to investigate.

Mr. Murray followed Mr. Wilson. He was not asking the investigation for his own benefit, but for the citizens of South Carolina. He had made a successful contest before the House heretofore and his case for the next Congress was already made up.

If time were only given he would present to the House the petitions of 150,000 citizens from all sections of the State, praying for a republican form of government as was guaranteed to them by the Constitution.

Mr. Tucker (Dem., Va.), asked if people who had signed these memorials had been disfranchised.

Mr. Murray replied that they had been, and added that people who had passed examinations for school teachers had been treated in the same way, being classed with the illiterate.

Under the present state of affairs, thousands of negroes had been refused registration. There was a deep seated conspiracy to deprive a large portion of the citizens of his State of the right to vote. In this district alone over 10,000 had been refused registration. The only remedy was to apply to Congress for relief. The sufferers of the State thought it the duty of Congress to investigate the matter, and if in its power to remedy it by legislation. No relief could be obtained in the Courts. If Congress would make the investigation, it would satisfy all concerned, and they would accept the result as final and binding.

A question was asked as to the taking of the oath by the members of the constitutional convention, and Mr. Murray requested Mr. Smalls (ex-member of Congress), and a member of the convention to answer it.

Mr. Smalls said that when a portion of the delegates to the convention had taken the oath, Senator Tillman held that it was suspended, and the roll call was suspended and the matter referred to the Judiciary Committee. The Committee reported that it was unnecessary to take the oath.

The Committee adjourned until tomorrow, when Dr. Pope, the independent candidate for Governor, will be heard.

LEXOW COMMITTEE

Investigated Grocers' and the Anthracite Coal Trust.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Lexow committee investigating trusts today heard Francis R. Krennin, of St. Louis, wholesale grocer. He said he refused to sign a factor's agreement with the American Sugar Refining company and that he had, consequently, lost his sugar for sugar than those who had a factor's agreement.

Witness said that the American Sugar Refining company had attempted to exclude the Louisiana planters' sugar from competition. In 1896, he declared, that those who held factor's agreements with the American Sugar Refining company were prohibited from handling Louisiana planters' sugar, but in 1897 they were allowed to handle it under certain restrictions.

From the testimony of the witness it developed that the American Sugar Refining company during the southern crop of the country is being produced lowered the price of sugar in St. Louis and immediately after the grinding season caused the price of its product to be increased.

The greater part of the day was devoted to investigating the anthracite coal trust, but the developments were not striking.

The committee has been requested to investigate the alleged trust in the sugar trust. Chairman Lexow announced that the committee would ask the legislature to extend until March 9 the time limit for making its report.

Y. M. C. A. in Session.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 25.—For the first time since February, 1888, the State convention of the Young Men's Christian association convened here. The session began this morning at 9 o'clock, meeting in Tabb Street Presbyterian church. This is the twenty-first annual session of this body and there is a large attendance of delegates. The convention was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the president, R. M. Smith, of Richmond. After disposing of some routine business the nominating committee presented their report.

The address of welcome to the delegates was delivered by Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., pastor of Tabb Street church.

HAVANA NEWS NOTES.

Contradictory—Warlike—Liable to Be Denied.

Havana, Feb. 25.—La Lucha, commenting on the report from New York announcing Consul General Lee's alleged resignation, pretends to explain the cause of his reported retirement from office. It says that General Lee's position would be untenable with the advent of the McKinley administration, and he wished to anticipate a possible intimation he might receive from Mr. McKinley that his resignation would be accepted.

The same paper contains an editorial discussing the action of the correspondent of El Liberal, of Madrid, in going to see the rebel commander-in-chief, Maximo Gomez, in his camp. The Lucha praises it as a journalistic feat, but strongly criticizes the step, as it says it places the Government in a grave position in view of the fact that Sylvester Scovall, an American correspondent, is now imprisoned for "committing the same crime."

Consul General Lee has obtained the consent of Marquis de Ahumada, who is now acting in the place of Captain General Weyler to the return to her former home in the United States of Mrs. Rodriguez, who was recently arrested in Puerto Principe because her husband was a rebel.

The Venezuelan general, Fernando Alvarez, and three other men who were arrested in a boat from a filibustering expedition a year ago, have been tried by court martial at Santiago de Cuba and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The lawyer who has been acting for the Julio Sanguilly, the American citizen who is now under sentence of life imprisonment, has withdrawn from the appeal that was sent to Madrid.

Vice Consul General Springer arrived here today.

LUCKY KING GEORGE.

Not Believed there will be any Backward Slips.

London, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Athens to the Central News says that King George and his cabinet proclaim their resolve to maintain their present policy. They declare it is impossible for them to recall the Greek troops from Crete. The Athens correspondent of the Standard telegraphs that it is reported that Col. Smolentz, Minister of War, has renewed his offer to resign. There are signs that the remainder of the cabinet are inclined to take a similar step, but an indication of retreat from the king's policy would involve the greatest danger to the throne. It is, therefore, unlikely that there will be any faltering in the highest quarter. There is doubtless a grim popular determination to follow the sacrifices already made to the bitter end. An expression of the exasperation felt at the attitude of the powers was given today when three hundred volunteers who had been presented by the warships from London in Crete, marched through the streets, accompanied by military bands.

It is understood that the note of the powers arrived today and that it will be presented to the Government tomorrow. The reply will probably be dictated by the resolution of the Cretans to yield only to superior force.

The proposal of the powers, as regarded a precarious make-shift, which will not end the crisis.

A British torpedo boat has undertaken to convey communication from Col. Vassos to Athens.

Consul General Lee Resigns.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The statement was made upon the floor of the House today upon the authority of a prominent Southern Congressman, that Consul General Lee had resigned his office. The Congressman stated that he had seen the dispatch from the Consul General to the State Department and that Secretary Olney had requested that official to press the resignation, until after the expiration of the present administration. The dispatch in question was received in the State Department either Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Government officials, however, continue to deny the truth of the statements that General Lee's resignation has been received at the Department of State. It is not denied that there has been friction between General Lee and the Department, but confidence is expressed that General Lee will be found at his post upon the expiration of March 4. It is said that in cabling the Department, last week, in regard to the Ruiz and Scott cases, General Lee closed as follows:

"If I am not supported by usefulness here will end, and I had better be recalled."

This, it is thought, may be the dispatch from which the resignation stories have arisen.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The report that Consul General Lee had been given his passports by the Spanish authorities in Cuba caused a flutter at the Senate end of the Capitol, where the action of the Senate Committee on the Sanguilly case has revived interest in Cuba affairs. Senators are guarded in their utterances, preferring to await some confirmation of the report before committing themselves to statements that were on the lips of their tongues. It is not beyond the truth to say that a very considerable portion of the Senate hopes the report is accurate, for they say that nothing short of an overt act on the part of Spain, sufficient to compel this Government to assert itself, will bring the trouble on that island to an end, or bring about the protection of American citizens.

Sound Money League.

New York, Feb. 26.—The executive committee of the National Sound Money league met in secret session this morning. At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that Gustav H. Schwab, of New York, had been elected chairman of the executive committee of nine selected yesterday. The vice presidents were not selected. They will be made up from a number of names which will be submitted at the next meeting of the committee to be held in Chicago during the first week in April.

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Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations today finished the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Among the additions made by the committee were the following:

Completing approaches and grounds, Charleston, S. C., postoffice, \$12,000.

Nicaragua, Canal Commission—Continuing surveys and examinations with a view of making plans for the entire work of construction, \$150,000.

The President is to appoint three engineers as a commission.

The employees of Congress are given the month's extra pay that is customary at the end of the session.

Improving and completing roadways to the National Cemetery at Pensacola Fla., \$10,000.

That hereafter the Secretary of War shall annually submit estimates in detail for river and harbor improvements required for the ensuing fiscal year to the Secretary of the Treasury to be included in and carried into the sum total of the book of estimates; and all such river and harbor estimates shall be considered and reported on in a separate bill by the committee of each House having charge of river and harbor improvements.

The reduction fell heaviest upon the items for continuing river and harbor improvements under the contract system.

The Southern items follow:

Harbor at Savannah from \$400,000 to \$300,000.

Cumberland Sound, Georgia and Florida, from \$400,000 to \$300,000.

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Sabine Pass, Texas, from \$400,000 to \$300,000.

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Cumberland River, above Nashville, by construction of locks and dams, from \$400,000 to \$300,000.

Falls of Ohio, at Louisville, from \$400,000 to \$300,000.

The Senate made a net addition to the bill of \$1,162,983, the total carried being \$51,827,727. The act for the current year carries \$33,096,710.

The total increase amounts to \$3,153,252 and the total reduction to \$2,619,168.

Incorporated.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The American Newspaper Publishers association was incorporated by the secretary of state today with a capital of \$1,000. The association will provide a common agency for gathering and disseminating information of value to publishers of reputable newspapers, to protect them from irresponsible seizures, etc. The principal office will be in New York city and the directors are Chas. N. Knapp, of St. Louis; J. A. Butler, of Buffalo; William Bryant, H. F. Gunnison, of Brooklyn; Frederick Driscoll, of St. Paul; W. N. Seif, of Pittsburgh; Milton A. McRae, of Cincinnati; Chas. H. Jr., of Boston; and S. H. Kauffmann, of Washington.

Bryan Speaks at New Haven—Afraid of the Boys.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 26.—W. J. Bryan delivered a lecture on bimetalism before an audience of about a thousand people at the Hyperion theatre last evening. He arrived at 4:15 from New York.

Mr. Bryan late tonight spoke briefly before the Retail Merchants' association at their annual banquet.

From the Consul General to the State Department and that Secretary Olney had requested that official to press the resignation, until after the expiration of the present administration. The dispatch in question was received in the State Department either Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Government officials, however, continue to deny the truth of the statements that General Lee's resignation has been received at the Department of State. It is not denied that there has been friction between General Lee and the Department, but confidence is expressed that General Lee will be found at his post upon the expiration of March 4. It is said that in cabling the Department, last week, in regard to the Ruiz and Scott cases, General Lee closed as follows:

"If I am not supported by usefulness here will end, and I had better be recalled."

This, it is thought, may be the dispatch from which the resignation stories have arisen.

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Public Printing.

Under section three of chapter twenty of the Public Laws of the State of North Carolina for 1895, the Joint Committee on Printing and Binding of the General Assembly of North Carolina, advertise for thirty days

ENGLISHMEN ANXIOUS

Large Attendance at the Lords and Commons.

SALISBURY DEFINES GOVERNMENT

POLICY IN REFERENCE TO CRETAN IMBROGLIO.

It affects the Present and Future Relations of England With the Powers, Besides Those of Turkey and Greece.

London, Feb. 25.—There was a large attendance of Peers and visitors at the opening of the sitting of the House of Lords this evening. Several Peers were present, and a number of Bishops other than those entitled to sit in the House of Lords, together with some members of the House of Commons, looked on from the galleries.

Soon after the House came to order Lord Dunraven rose and made a formal request that the government inform the House as to the exact situation in Crete and the government's negotiations with the powers looking to a settlement of the difficulties. Lord Salisbury, upon rising to reply, was tremendously cheered, and when the cheering had subsided, said that a telegram had been sent to the British representatives at the capital of each of the combined European powers, the phraseology of which was as follows:

"Inform the government to which you are accredited that her majesty's government proposes to make the following declaration of the policy they intend to pursue which they believe to be in accordance with that of their allies.

First, that the establishment of administrative autonomy in Crete is necessary to the termination of international occupation of that island.

Second, that subject to such system of administrative autonomy, Crete ought to remain a portion of the Turkish empire.

Third, that the government of Greece ought to be informed of this resolution. Fourth, that if either Turkey or Greece should persist in a refusal when required, to withdraw her naval and military forces from the island, the powers should impose their decision by force."

The whole incident occupied twenty minutes. Subsequently the Earl of Kimberley held a conference with Sir William Harcourt in a private room. The conservatives are unanimous in the approval of the method of settlement of the Cretan difficulty.

Lord Salisbury said it did not follow that the Turkish troops would be withdrawn from Crete immediately, nevertheless the practical withdrawal of her troops from the island was a necessary condition to the establishment of autonomy, and they would therefore be withdrawn.

The Premier then gave as instances of autonomous administration the form of government which now obtains in the island of Samos, a Turkish possession, and which formerly prevailed in Serbia, and proceeded to say he imagined that the Powers would require the Greek troops in Crete to be withdrawn at an earlier date than the Turkish troops, but he was unable to give any further details until he knew what decision had been reached by the Powers. Still, it was his belief that the Powers recognized the principles he had announced as animating their policy.

Lord Kimberley, who was Minister of Foreign Affairs in the cabinet of Lord Salisbury, says that the statement just made by Lord Salisbury was one of great gravity, and would require careful consideration on his part before he felt prepared to make any observations thereon. The House then adjourned.

London, Feb. 25.—The floors and galleries of the House of Commons were crowded with members and spectators at the opening of today's sitting, in view of the announcement in the newspapers this morning that the government would define their policy in regard to Crete. Shortly after the Speaker had taken his seat, Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury and the government leader in the House of Commons, made a statement similar to the one made by Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords, at the conclusion of which Sir William Harcourt, the leader of the opposition, said that the statement concerning the Cretan situation and the methods to be employed in its settlement, which has just been laid before the House by Mr. Balfour, was of the greatest importance. It affected the present and future relations of Great Britain with the Powers of Europe, besides Turkey and Greece, and its gravity was especially shown in its last paragraph relating to the employment of force in the event of the persistent refusal of Turkey or Greece to comply with the demands of the Powers. He requested the government to fix an early date for debating the matter.

Gomez on the Run, so Says Tetuan.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Dupuy Delone, Spanish Minister, has received the following cable message from the Duke of Tetuan, Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Madrid, Feb. 25, 1897. The brigades of General Gasco, Ruiz and Segura met in succession the forces commanded by Maximiliano Gomez, defeating them and obliging them to disperse and a great number of the rebels were wounded. Four battalions occupy all the possible passes to Matanzas and Las Villas and prevent the retreat of Gomez to the West. The trocha of Jucaro is almost completely closed; makes it very difficult for him to retreat to the East. Seven columns are operating between these lines in pursuit of Gomez.

TETUAN.
Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Sulzer has the War Spirit.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) offered in the House to-day a bill declaring war between the Kingdom of Spain and her colonies and the United States of America, and their territories.

The measure reads as follows: "That war be declared to exist between the Kingdom of Spain and her colonies and the United States of America and their territories; and that the President is authorized to use the whole land and naval force of the United States to carry the resolution into effect, and to issue to private armed vessels of the United States commissions or letters of marque and general reprisal, in such form as he may think proper, and under the seal of the United States, against the vessels, goods and effects of the government of Spain and the government thereof."

The measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Not Dead, But Insane.

London, Feb. 25.—It is now well established that the recent report of the death of Steinitz, the chess master, was erroneous.

A dispatch to the Central News from Berlin says that friends of his in that city have received information from Moscow that he is alive but suffering from an incurable ulceration of the brain. The rumor of his death probably arose from the fact that he recently swooned and was unconscious for a long time. Since then his condition has become worse. He has forgotten all about chess playing, and occupies the intervals between his attacks of delirium in writing what he imagines to be essays on philosophy and discussing the date of his return to New York.

In the Hands of a Receiver.

Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—The Central Trust, of New York, filed a petition in United States Court to-day asking for a receiver for the Columbus Hocking Valley and Toledo Railway Company. In its petition, it alleges that there will be due, in the next thirty days, \$200,000, as interest of the company's bonds, for which there is no money in the company's possession to pay. The company filed its answer at once, admitting all the allegations of the petition to be true, indicating that the suit is brought with an understanding between the parties.

Judge Sage appointed President Monseratt, of the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo road as receiver.

Dynamite Explodes.

Staubenville, O., Feb. 25.—A vast quantity of nitro-glycerine stored between Gould station and New Alexandria, Ohio, on the Van Handle Railroad, in the Gould field, exploded this afternoon at 1 o'clock, killing two men and injuring a number of others. Both men were blown to atoms, only a man's toe being found. Houses were knocked down and trees were torn up by the roots. The report of the explosion was heard ten miles away. The two men killed were named Dreary and Rolston, oil well drillers.

B. and L. Association Assigns.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.—The United State Building and Loan Association made an assignment to the Columbia Trust Company this morning. The failure was due to dissensions in the management which caused withdrawal of stock. The last statement issued December 31st, showed assets of \$533,309.87, of which \$327,110 was loans on real estate. The liabilities were \$12,000. Last fall a defalcation of \$12,000 in the accounts of Book-Keeper Will Hettie was discovered, but a settlement was made.

The Spanish Side of It.

Havana, Feb. 25.—Dispatches received here from New York, says a rumor is prevalent there that United States Consul General Lee has received his passports. This is not true. General Lee has never received his passports nor has he resigned his post. The fact is that a day or two ago he intimated his disposition to resign if the United States Government failed to sustain the attitude he had assumed in the cases of Dr. Ruiz and Mr. Scott. He has gone no further than this.

Doesn't Think It Matters Much.

Madrid, Feb. 25.—The Epoca, in an article discussing the Cuban situation as affecting the relations of Spain with the United States alludes to the killing of Ricardo Ruiz, an American citizen, in a Spanish prison in Cuba, and says: "The Ruiz affair cannot assume the proportions of international importance. Spain is ready to punish any person who shall be proved to have created the friendly relations between Spain and the government at Washington preclude any diplomatic strain over the matter."

Mrs. Stevenson Re-elected.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The daughters of the American Revolution today re-elected Mrs. Vice President Stevenson to the third time as president general, Mrs. Brackett, of Washington, as vice president general; and one vice president from each of the States represented. Among them are the following: Mrs. R. Thatcher, Louisiana; Mrs. W. P. Dixey, Georgia; Mrs. Joseph Washington, Tennessee.

No Doubt They Hanged Him.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 25.—At Rathburn, twenty miles from here, a negro roustabout named Charles Brown assaulted a white girl this afternoon and shot a constable who attempted to arrest him. He was captured by a mob of miners who took him to the spot where he assaulted the girl, and there is no doubt that they hanged him.

Get out of Sight.

Canea, Feb. 25.—The admirals of the foreign fleets have issued a proclamation declaring that the Plain and Suda valleys, between Akrotiri and Canea, have been placed under the protection of the foreign warships. The proclamation adds that any act of hostility in sight of the warships will be repressed by force.

Reached the Age Limit.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Professor Newcomb will be placed on the retired list of the navy March 12th, on reaching the age sixty-two years.

Board of Visitors.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 25.—Governor O'Ferrall has appointed Hon. George A. Murdock, of Alexandria, and Hon. Addison Maupin, of Henrico, as members of the Board of Visitors of the Institution for the deaf, dumb and blind, at Staunton, for a period of three years.

To Head off Rhodes.

Pretoria, Transvaal, Feb. 25.—The Volksraad to-day passed in its entirety a bill placing the high court under the Volksraad. The action was believed to be necessary in view of the persistent attempts of Cecil Rhodes to undermine the republic.

ASHEVILLE CORRESPONDENCE

THE DISPENSARY SYSTEM FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

The People, Republicans Especially, Indignant at the Action of Committee in Unfavorably Reporting the Bill.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 25.—Perhaps of all of the questions now before Ashevilleians the most absorbing is the one introduced by Representative Candler providing that Buncombe county should be given the dispensary system, conditionally, the condition to be its ratification by the people, had been unfavorably reported by the committee to which it had been referred, the friends of the bill generally, and especially the Republicans, were indignant to a degree. Many of those who were opposed to the system, as well as those favoring it, were emphatic in their denunciation of the action of the committee, and a meeting of the Republicans of the city will be held Saturday evening to denounce the action, which was so contemptibly reprehensible as to constitute a veritable travesty on everything. The bill merely asked that the people of the county be allowed to vote upon the question, and the people of the county—erstwhile a Democratic county—elected their Representative by a large majority, with the distinct and universal understanding that such a bill would be passed by them. Col. V. S. Lusk, the recognized leader of the House, sounded the key-note of the campaign by coming out unequivocally in favor of the dispensary system. The committee therefore, in taking the action it has, assume the responsibility, and arrogantly places itself in the attitude of saying if, a committee composed of gentlemen who probably never saw Asheville and are ignorant of local conditions, knows more about what the people of this section want than do the people themselves. And then the action of the committee places Col. Lusk in an awkward position. It was openly charged by the Democrats in the recent campaign that there was an understanding between Col. Lusk and other Republicans to the effect that the dispensary bill should be killed in the Senate or smothered in committee. This will give these political prognosticators an opportunity to say "I told you so," when these who know Col. Lusk know that he has always been opposed to the liquor business as it exists today, both morally and politically.

The State Register, the recognized organ of the party for this section, denominated the action of the committee an "outrage," and pertinently adds: "The House Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the dispensary bill for Buncombe county, decided by a vote of 5 to 4, on Wednesday evening, to report the bill unfavorably. This is simply an outrage on the people of Buncombe county. Col. Lusk and Mr. Candler, the people's representatives from this county, and the only men whose voice and opinion should have weight with the committee, spoke earnestly for the bill, and begged the committee to report favorably. They knew the situation in the county, they knew the sentiment of the people, they knew the pledges on which the people had given them over 400 majority; and if the committee had been disposed to treat the people—and especially the Republicans—of Buncombe county with respect, the request of Messrs. Lusk and Candler would have been granted, and the bill reported for passage. But the committee ignored Buncombe's accredited representatives, and hearkened to the voice of the paid attorneys of the liquor dealers, Messrs. H. A. Guder and J. M. Moody, and Representative Spencer Blackburn, of the county of Ashe. Messrs. Guder and Moody have no representative capacity. They were not in any way authorized to speak for the people of Buncombe county. They represented private interests, and private interests only, and that in the capacity of lawyers. Mr. Blackburn had no right nor authority to speak for our people. He knew nothing whatever of their sentiments or the party interests of Buncombe Republicans involved in the question. He has not been in the county in five years, if ever, and is an inveterate stranger to our people and their sentiments. In acting upon the suggestions of these gentlemen, the committee not only outraged the sentiments of the people of this county, insulted its accredited and official representatives in the General Assembly, but stultified itself, and should be held up to public scorn and contempt."

A movement fraught with vast import to Western North Carolina and Asheville is that of the Mountain Retreat Association to procure a charter for which Rev. John C. Collins of New Haven, Conn., and J. H. Tucker, esq., of Asheville went to Raleigh a few days ago. Rev. Mr. Collins is Secretary of the International Christian Worker's Association, and is at the head of the movement which has for its object the establishment of a resort of health, rest and religious gatherings, modeled somewhat on the plan of Mountain Lake Park, Md. Religious assemblies are to be held yearly in March or April, and in June. The incorporators include Rev. H. H. Kelly, pastor of the Fourth Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.; Rev. David A. Reed, Springfield, Mass.; J. S. Huyler, of Huyler's Candy Fame, New York City; C. N. Crittenden, the widely known founder of the "Florence Crittenden Missions"; Wm. H. Wanamaker, of Wanamaker's, Brown, Philadelphia, Pa. Brother of former Postmaster General John Wanamaker; Rev. A. C. Dixon of Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, Jr., Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Providence, R. I.; Weston R. Gales, Evangelist, of Roanoke, Va.; C. A. Rowland, Jr., of Athens, Ga.; Rev. C. P. Marsden, New Haven, Conn., one of the founders of Ocean Grove, N. Y., and the chief promoter of Mountain Lake Park, Md. Rev. David Gregg, D. D., successor of Dr. Theodore Cuyler in the pastorate of the La Fayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. It will be seen that this enterprise is of an interdenominational character.

The promoters have secured options on about 5,000 acres of land not many miles east of Asheville, and work will be begun as soon as a charter for the association can be secured. The first block of lots to be disposed of will number 200,

and all moneys paid into the Association will be devoted to public improvements. One of the proposed changes in the city charter of Asheville provides for the annexation of some outlying districts. This annexation, the Republicans think, will make the city safely Republican for all time to come.

This city has been the scene of a lively newspaper battle. The Citizen, the afternoon paper, recently published an article under a "scurrilous" head, to the effect that our youthful Democratic Mayor, W. J. Coker, had drawn, unauthorized, from the city treasury the sum of \$800 to make trips to Raleigh on business pertaining to the city, and denominated the action of the Mayor "a lawless act." The Gazette, the morning paper and the Mayor's personal organ, said the action was authorized, and the Mayor had printed a letter in which he said some decidedly uncomplimentary things about the Citizen.

At the meeting this afternoon of the stockholders of the Western Carolina Bank, Cashier L. P. McLoud tendered his resignation, and George S. Powell, of the well-known grocery firm of Powell & Snyder, was elected to that office. Mr. McLoud, who will practice law, is well and favorably known throughout the State.

In Memoriam.

Again is Edenton Street M. E. Sunday School called upon to mourn the loss of one of its most faithful and devoted members.

Caswell A. Riddle is gone! Peacefully and calmly he passed from earth's labors to heaven's glory on Sunday morning, February 14th, 1897,—leaving behind him a precious legacy—a good name.

For a number of years Brother Riddle was a member of this Sunday School and he was ever faithful, true and devoted to all its interests. Only those who knew him best in all life's relations can realize what the community in which he lived, this church and Sunday school, and the dear ones that so much loved him, have lost in the death of this devoted Christian and loving husband.

We know how much he will be missed from among us, but we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, knowing full well that our Brother has passed from this life of trial and suffering to one of peace and happiness.

"There is no death; the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown,
They shine forever more."

May the gentle spirit of our departed friend linger lovingly near us, whisper to us sweet words of comfort and hope; beckon us onward to a nobler life here below and upward to that home, "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to those who are by this Divine dispensation so sorely afflicted, and we point them to Him, our dearest Friend, who will ever be near to comfort them and at last bring them to meet the departed loved one in the home of the blessed.

Resolved, That this tribute be spread upon the records of the school, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and also furnished the city papers for publication.

HENRY J. YOUNG,
N. R. STANCLILL,
C. W. WHITE,
Committee.

FLOYD CROWELL.

A Week's Engagement—The Attraction this Week.

Seats are now on sale at King's drug store for the opening performance in the engagement of Floy Crowell at the Metropolitan opera house all next week. "Molly Bawn" will be the opening bill, of which the Norfolk Landmark of Feb. 18 says:

"The Floy Crowell Dramatic company began an engagement at the Academy of Music last night at popular prices.

"This is a gilt edged show for the money. They presented last night 'Molly Bawn' and made a tremendous hit.

"As for the enthusiasm and spirit, Nat Goodwin's audience did not compare with the one last night, the principals being called before the curtain time and again in answer to tumultuous applause, and it was not all from the gallery, either.

"Molly Bawn" has many pleasant and exciting situations which were brought out naturally and with dramatic strength. Miss Crowell is a little actress of much fire and go, and as 'Molly Bawn,' assisted by Mr. Edwin Emory as Teny Desmond, quite an innovation was introduced in the way of specialties between the acts. Especially good was the work of Mr. Mark Bennet and Mr. Edwin Emory. These specialties prevent the usual tedious wait between acts."

Ladies' tickets for Monday night, admitting to a 30 cent seat for 15 cents, can be secured at King's. All the clever specialties of Mr. Emory, Mr. Morley, Miss Beyer and Miss Grayson, including Miss Beyer's songs illustrated by the Benamatorgraph, will be introduced, and a big opening house is assured.

The Original McKinley Man.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Feb. 29.
EDITOR TRIBUNE:—I notice in your paper that several parties claim to be the "original McKinley man" in North Carolina. Some one is mistaken about this matter, and I claim to be the "original McKinley man" from this State. In November, 1894, I wrote to Major McKinley congratulating him upon his election in his State, and announcing to him at that time that I was a McKinley man for President in 1896. I have a letter from him dated November 14, 1894, which will prove what I say.

Very truly yours, a subscriber and well-wisher of your paper,
M. B. CULPEPPER.

Southern Mutual B. & L. Association.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—Four hundred stockholders of the Southern Mutual Building and Loan Association met here today to discuss the affairs of that insolvent company. M. A. O'Byrne, of Savannah, was elected chairman, and W. H. Black, of Atlanta, secretary. W. C. Hale, President of the company, was absent and no one could tell where he was.

The meeting lasted all day and until 10 o'clock tonight. A new board of directors was elected and the meeting voted to try to get the temporary receivership dismissed and re-organize the association. The stockholders, who are here from all over the South, want to put an experienced Building and Loan man in charge and keep the concern running.

Denied.

Vienna, Feb. 25.—The statement published in London that Herr Dekalaya, Imperial Minister of Finance, has been appointed Governor of Crete was semi-officially denied here today.

THE Commercial and Farmers Bank, RALEIGH, N. C.

Commenced Business September 30, 1891

Statement of Condition December 31, 1896.

CAPITAL STOCK	\$100,000.00
SURPLUS FUND	16,000.00
NET UNDIVIDED PROFITS	8,708.47
DEPOSITS	\$30,033.23

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J. J. Thomas, Ashley Horne, G. W. Watts, J. B. Hill, H. B. Battle, H. N. Duke, Thos. H. Briggs, A. F. Page, Fred. Phillips, H. A. London, A. A. Thompson, Jao. W. Scott, R. B. Raney, J. E. Shephard.

The National Bank of Raleigh, RALEIGH, N. C.

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Surplus and Undivided Profits, 80,000.

Officers:
Chas. H. Belvin, President, F. H. Briggs, Cashier, Chas. L. Johnson, Vice President.

Directors:
Chas. H. Belvin, Thos. H. Crowder, F. O. Moring, J. B. Batchelor, Chas. E. Johnson, Julius Lewis, W. R. Tucker.

Depositors' Security and Protection.—(Section 5151, from United States Banking Laws.) "The shareholders of every national banking association shall be held individually responsible, equably and ratably, and not one for another, for all contracts, debts, and engagements of such association, to the extent of the amount of their stock therein, at the par value thereof, in addition to the amount invested in such shares."

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Shaw, Wakefield, Whedbee and Yeager. Alexander, Atwater, Butler, Cannon, Clark, Early, Geddie, Hender- son, Hamilton, Lyon, Maultsby, Max- well, Moyer, Merritt, McCas- well, Newsome, Parker, Randolph, Patterson, Robertson, Sharpe, of Irede- ll, Shaw, Tilly and Walker. The bill was then placed on its second and third readings and was passed by a voice vote. A recess was taken until 8 o'clock.

The Senate re-assembled at 8 o'clock and the following bills were disposed of:

To fix the time of holding courts in the Fifth Judicial District, passed; to establish a dispensary in the town of Wakeham, Union county, passed; to amend chapter 280, laws of 1889, to amend out all of section 2 after the word "misdemeanor," passed; to amend chapter 34 of the Code, relating to the dispensary association, passed; to amend chapter 31, laws of 1887, in so far as it applies to Anson county, this act requires all persons who sell seed cot- ton before a magistrate and have not registered, so as to detect theft of cotton, passed; to construct free ferry over the Roanoke River at Halifax, passed; to establish a dispensary for the town of Rutherford, passed; to amend the establishment of public lib- raries, passed; to amend the charter of Rutherford county, passed; to establish a dispensary for the town of Littleton, passed; to regulate the fees of sheriffs and tax collectors, to only ap- ply to Union county, passed; to cre- ate public roads in Caswell county, passed; to permit the practice of oc- cupational a great deal of fun was had over this bill, as no seemed to be session, until and upon the d now. The of 22 to 28, adopted, the Senate, spoke in sen- said he had a statement out of \$120,000,000, the railway, leading. He discover that his opinions ements, they of their in- of thirty-six ed into the decided more had not in which he year lease to the test, the legal validity of the contract he for the amendment of rental to shall not be the capital offer at Mr. Spithers an offer, Mr. was embraced to the no propos- the basis of the House and said that on a basis of the bill as it the House the offer had would be the bill that of the remarks to founded to had drawn intended to be commit- did not to it as a part lows: North Caro- of North General is empowered pertaining to the name of the for the pur- of August, x-five, he Railroad rmer com- d demise to a franchise the term of assignment said last person. Attorney to employ aid suit and on shall be rails, mis- allowance expense of and counsel all consti- other liant scale under this State, lawful for the ompany of the ment of the force from remarks. Populists for Bun- campaign now pay by law, to shear authority as wanted, to be voted- required if the substi- adopted. on the the by the Atwater, le, Hender- sely, Max- McCas- Randolph, of Irede- Ashburn, rnhart, Me- of Ala- Rollins, Sinat- and Yeager.

DR. D. H. ABBOTT NOMINATED

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS NAMES HIM FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

An Exciting Contest—The Fifth Ballot decides—What the Populist Caucus did last Night.

The Republican caucus last night nominated Dr. D. H. Abbott, of Pamlico county, for railroad commissioner on the fifth ballot. The members of the caucus pronounced it the most hotly contested and exciting contest they ever witnessed. White led until the third ballot. From the very first it was a neck to neck race between White and Abbott.

When Chairman Lusk announced that nominations for railroad commissioner were in order the names of the following gentlemen were placed before the caucus:

Abbott of Pamlico, by Senator Whedbee and seconded by Representative Hancock. Henderson of Wilkes, by Representative Bryan, of Wilkes. White, of Alamance, by Senator Sneathers. Mason of Orange, by Representative Freeman.

The first ballot stood:

White	25
Abbott	23
Mason	10
Henderson	8
Edwards	1
Kingham	1

Second ballot:

White	31
Abbott	23
Mason	8
Henderson	4
Edwards	1
Mason	1

Third ballot:

White	30
Abbott	31
Mason	3
Mason	2
Henderson	1
Edwards	1

Fourth ballot:

Abbott	33
White	31
Mason	5

Fifth ballot:

Abbott	37
White	28
Mason	3
McCrory	1
Mason	1

Dr. D. H. Abbott, of Pamlico county, was then declared the nominee of the caucus. He is a man of means and of irreproachable character. He is chairman of the Republican committee of the First congressional district. He was a member of the general assembly two years ago.

POPULIST CAUCUS.

The co-operation faction of the People's party last night nominated their share of the directors of the State institutions, but declined to give their names until they are appointed by the Governor. Senator T. E. McCaskey, of Martin county, was nominated for commissioner of elections. It was decided to support a bill creating a code commission.

A RUNAWAY.

A Horse Breaks Away from a Dray and Collides with a Wagon.

Quite an exciting runaway occurred yesterday afternoon on Wilmington street and Market square. A horse was badly bruised and a one-horse wagon sustained considerable breakage. Mal Page was the owner of both the wagon and the horse, but he was not driving it.

It seems that the runaway started from the "dray stand" and there was no apparent cause for the fright of the horse. In fact, it seems that the animal was a little of dashing off "without cause" quite frequently.

When the runaway reached Market square between Fayetteville and Wilmington streets the wagon shafts broke and the horse freed into Wilmington street he ran upon a dray loaded with cotton bales. He fell completely stunned, and it was some minutes before he could be gotten up.

An amusing episode in connection with the runaway was a difficulty which occurred between a colored boy named Moony Perry, and the negro man driving the runaway horse. Perry had gotten hold of the horse when he collided with the load of cotton and when the driver led the animal away Perry attempted to hold onto him until he was paid for stopping the runaway. There were a number of words exchanged, which could not be catalogued as Sunday school expressions, and fists were rapped with right bold show of fight. However, Perry gave up his attempt at extortion when he saw that there was no apparent way of getting it.

THE REVENUE ACT

The House in a Committee of the Whole.

BILL PASSED UPON BY SECTIONS

READING NOT COMPLETED AND WILL BE CONTINUED TODAY.

Several Bills of a Local Character

Introduced—All of the Special Orders set for the Day Give way to the Revenue Act.

HOUSE. The House of Representatives was called to order at 10 o'clock and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Foster of the city.

After the morning hour the House went into a committee of the whole on the consideration of the revenue act. The session was slimly attended, many of the members spending much of the time in the lobby of the Senate chamber witnessing the great railroad bill fight.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Petree—Bill to change the Fourth and Fifth Congressional districts.

Mr. Duffy—Bill to amend the charter of Jacksonville.

Mr. Clanton (by request)—Bill to amend chapter 234, laws of 1881.

Mr. Pearson—Bill for the relief of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Burke county.

Mr. Price—Bill to incorporate Clarks- ville Methodist church and camp ground, in Union county.

Mr. Chilcutt—Bill for the relief of Joseph A. Haskins, sheriff of Guilford county.

Mr. Ormsby—Bill to place J. H. Cox on the pension roll.

Mr. Williamson—Bill to amend the charter of Charlotte and establish a Police Board therefor.

Mr. Green—Bill to establish a school district composed of sections of Mit- chell, Burke and McDowell counties.

Mr. McCrary—Bill for the relief of the town of Lexington and Cotton Grove.

Mr. Arledge—Bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in certain parts of Polk county.

Mr. Allen—Bill to incorporate the Diamond Star Lodge, No. 3711, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in Ash- boro.

Mr. Johnson—Bill to protect fish in Black River.

Mr. Jones—Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicants near Mt. Carmel church.

CALENDAR.

Mr. Hauser asked that the resolution instructing United States Senators to vote and work for favorable silver legislation be made a special order for next Tuesday. The request was re- fused.

THE REVENUE ACT.

A special order bill for 11 o'clock was postponed until 1 o'clock, and a motion prevailed that the House go into a committee of the whole for the con- sideration of the revenue act. The act was read and disposed of by sections.

Mr. Cook of Warren presided as chairman of the committee of the whole, and announced that he proposed to have perfect order on the floor, in the galleries and in the lobbies.

Sections one and two were adopted without change. When section three was read, Col. Sutton offered an amendment that the 20 cent tax for school purposes be made 18 cents. By consent the 22 2-3 cent tax for State purposes was changed to 21 2-3 cents.

Mr. Person of Wayne opposed Sut- ton's amendment, saying that the children of the State demanded that the increased appropriation for free schools be made. Mr. Bryan of Chatham wanted to be understood as advocating the 20 cent clause and that he proposed to vote for an additional \$100,000. He said that the same men who voted for the higher education ap- propriations yesterday were opposing the free school increase today. Messrs. Dockery, Lusk and others protested, and Mr. Bryan withdrew the charge.

Col. Sutton withdrew his amendment. However, Mr. Hauser renewed it, and the same was voted down.

Section three was adopted, and section two reconsidered, so as to change "thirty-five cents," in line 6, to "thirty-five cents," so as to keep up the equation. The change was made.

Section four was adopted. There was also no change in sections five or six.

When section seven, schedule B, was reached Mr. Ferrell moved that the entire section be stricken out. He said that he thought it was unjust to re- quire a man to pay a tax to go into business. Mr. Johnson said the tax was necessary. Mr. Blackburn asked Mr. Ferrell if he favored a tax on lawyers and doctors. He said not as they were at present. The motion was voted down. Mr. Parker of Perquimans filed a bill against the section.

There were no changes or objections to sections 8 to 15. Section 16, regulat- ing tax on billiard and pool tables was read. Mr. Hancock offered an amend- ment that this section also apply to private tables and that the tax be made \$12 instead of \$25. There were other changes proposed, but all, in- cluding Mr. Hancock's amendment, were voted down, and the section adopted without change, with the ex- ception of the insertion of "or private" in line two.

When section 19 was reached Messrs. Blackburn and McCrary urged that the entire section be stricken out. Pending the disposition of the section, the hour for a special order (12 o'clock) arrived and the committee reported progress and the special order was taken up.

However, Mr. Hancock moved that the matter be postponed and the bill be made a special order for today. The bill was that allowing cattle to run at large in Halifax county from Decem- ber to March. The motion to postpone prevailed.

Mr. Hancock then moved that the House again go into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the revenue act. The motion prevailed.

There was quite a lively discussion of section 19, resulting in the striking out of all after "tax collector" in line 10. The clause rejected was "that all persons who buy, sell or trade in horses or mules as a business are subject to a tax of \$25 to the State and \$10 for the county." An addition to the section was made, on motion of Mr. Lyle, "that all livery and feed stables, private or auction, be taxed \$25 for the State and \$10 for the county."

In section 23 an amendment was offered by Mr. Hancock changing the li- cense tax on druggists for selling spirit- uous liquors from \$50 to \$25.

In section 25, the clause allowing the officer who arrests violators of the pro- visions of the section, was amended so as to allow the officer \$10 instead of \$100, and give the State \$150 instead of \$100. The total fine will be \$200. As



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GROCER,

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amended, this section was adopted. The House took a recess until 7:30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION. Representatives were quite tardy in assembling for the session last night. The hour for the evening session was 7:30 o'clock, but it was 7:45 when the Speaker rapped for order, and even then very few members had put in an appearance.

Bills were disposed of as follows: Bill to incorporate Diamond Lodge, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, at Ashboro, Passed.

Bill to provide for the working of delinquent tax payers on the public roads in Rowan and Lenoir counties. Passed.

Bill to incorporate the town of Col- lettsville, in Caldwell county. Passed third reading.

Bill to incorporate the town of Dud- ley, in Wayne county, was put upon the calendar. Passed third reading.

Bill to incorporate the town of Parker, (Democrat), protested against the bill. Mr. Person, of the same county, how- ever, said that the opposition was all by the Democrats of the place, while the Republicans and Populists were a unit for its incorporation. Bill passed second reading.

Bill to authorize Beaufort county to levy a special tax and issue bonds. Passed third reading. Mr. Hodges, Representative from Beaufort county, voted against the bill. He said, pri- vately, that he introduced it by re- quest, and was opposed to an issue of bonds.

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Carthage, in Moore county. Passed third reading.

Bill to amend an act incorporating the Moore County and Western Rail- road Company. Passed third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Mountain Re- treat Association. Passed second and third readings. The purpose of this association is "to establish and main- tain, in the mountain section of the State, a municipality, containing as- sembly grounds for the encouragement of Christian work and living—also a health resort." A. C. Dixon, of New York, is one of the incorporators.

Bill to incorporate the Carolina, Chimney Rock and Tennessee Railway. Passed second reading.

Bill to incorporate the North Caro- lina Land and Timber Company. Pass- ed.

Bill to authorize Haywood and Jack- son counties to levy a special tax for the construction of a public road. Passed second reading.

Bill to amend the charter of the Washington and Jamestown Railroad Company was put upon its second reading. The bill was opposed by Mr. Fagan of Martin county. Messrs. Hancock, Cook and Hodges advocated the passage of the bill. The bill passed both readings.

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Greensboro. Passed second reading.

Bill to authorize Lenoir county to levy a special tax. Passed.

Mr. Sutton of New Hanover made a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to amend the charter of Wil- mington failed to pass. The motion prevailed by a vote of 42 to 28. Mr. Sutton, who was engineering the bill, had a conversation with several lead- ing Republicans and found there would still be strong opposition. He there- fore addressed the Speaker, saying that "in as much as the bill could not be found and it was only delaying the business of the House, he would as soon it should be passed over as not." The bill was not put upon its readings.

A bill to commit defendants, in cer- tain cases, to working the public roads. It was put upon the second reading. It was amended so as to apply to Guil- ford county. As amended, the bill passed second reading. It was amend- ed so as to include Dare county, and was then re-committed to the Judiciary Committee to correct some technical errors.

Bill to amend the charter of the Ra- leigh and Gaston Railroad Company, to allow a change of track. Passed.

Bill to amend the charter of Wil- mington came up again, in the regular course of the calendar, and passed second reading. On the third reading a division was called for and the bill

passed by a fair majority. Mr. Han- cock moved to reconsider and to table that motion. The motion was sustain- ed by a vote of 57 to 36. The bill was ordered engrossed and sent to the Sen- ate.

Bill to prevent minors from entering bar and billiard rooms was put upon its second reading. It provides that owners of such resorts who shall allow minors to enter or loaf around their places, after notice has been given by parents or guardians, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. It was amended so as to apply to bowling alleys.

Mr. Blackburn offered an amend- ment that it be a misdemeanor for minors to enter such places. Mr. Bailey offered another amendment that the notice from parents be made in writ- ing. This was accepted by the intro- ducer, but rejected later. Mr. Black- burn spoke in advocacy of his amend- ment, saying that it was nothing but right that the boys should have some restraint upon them.

Col. Lusk spoke in opposition to the amendment. It was voted down, and the bill passed.

Bill to incorporate the American Trust and Savings Bank. Passed.

Bill to regulate the working of death- bed roads in Cherokee county. Passed.

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

WAS RUIZ AN AMERICAN

THE QUESTION TO BE SETTLED BY RIGID INVESTIGATION.

The Spanish Government Investigating the Cause of his Death—General Lee's Charge.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Official cablegrams from Madrid received at the Spanish legation regarding the death of Ruiz, show that the government is aroused to most energetic action and that orders have gone forward to Cuba to have a most thorough investigation into the affair. This is regardless of the question of Ruiz's nationality, for, whether he is an American or not, the government has determined that the crime has been committed those guilty shall be punished. In the meantime no efforts are being spared to determine whether Ruiz was an American citizen or not, and under both the state de- partment and the legation authorities the records are being searched. So far, it can only be found that Ruiz, then a dental student, took out his first pa- pers declaring intention in Philadel- phia December 19, 1877. This was near the close of the last revolution. He soon graduated as a dentist and re- turned to Guanabara in 1890, where he practiced ever since. It cannot be learned if he ever returned to the United States, nor does it appear that he lived here long enough to acquire naturalization. However, the Madrid government will push the investiga- tion of his death just as forcibly as possible, and if Gen. Lee's charges are correct that the doctor was killed or driven to suicide by his jailers, the severest punishment of military law will be executed on those responsible.

Change in Navy.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—A civil service promotion system was promul- gated by Secretary Herbert today cov- ering all persons whose duties are wholly or partially clerical in the navy department and all the navy yards. By its regulations the efficiency record of each clerk is a public matter and open to general criticism.

Sanguily Released.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The Spanish minister has been advised by Marquis de Alameda that the pardon for Julio Sanguliy was received from Madrid today. Sanguliy was immedi- ately released from prison and will sail for New York by tomorrow's steamer.

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Gloxinias, Clematis,		Tissus Mozambique.
Sweet Peas, Begonias,		Mechlin Lace Mulls.
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THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

PULLEN LITERARY SOCIETY GIVES A GOLD MEDAL.

Four Excellent Orations Delivered—Large Audience Present—The Decision of the Judges.

The annual oratorical contest of the Pullen Literary Society was held last evening in the Chapel of the A. and M. College. Long before the appointed hour arrived the chapel was thronged with the cadets and their invited guests.

The presidential address was delivered by Mr. C. D. Harris. He paid an eloquent tribute to the late Mr. R. S. Pullen, Raleigh's greatest philanthropist. He then introduced Mr. B. C. Ashcraft, a representative of the Alumni who addressed the audience on the motto of the Pullen Society: "Brawn and Brain."

Mr. Ashcraft in eloquent language pictured what brawn and brain have accomplished in every field of human endeavor. He then spoke of the ap- plication of brawn and brain. The great forces of nature have always been known, but it was for brawn and brain to discover their usefulness. Electricity always existed, but it waited for a Franklin to discover the ap- plication.

Brawn and brain are the two great gifts who stand together; they must not be separated. This institution was founded to train the brawn and brain of our young men. There are fields of honor, distinction and usefulness out- side of political preferment. He con- cluded by showing that what North Carolina needs is more brawn and brain to develop our resources and not more men to hang around the political pie counters or sitting on dry goods boxes and demanding relief from the Government. It is a mighty union which a man lays to himself when he says "I am a workman."

The first orator of the evening was Mr. W. C. Sugg who took for his sub- ject, "The value of enthusiasm." En- thusiasm is an indispensable element of success. To give up to enthusiasm is looked upon as a weakness by some. Patrick Henry was filled with enthusi- asm when he gave utterance to the noble sentiments, "Give me liberty or give me death."

The speaker pointed out what en- thusiasm has and can accomplish. Peace as well as enthusiasm is needed by success. Enthusiasm saved the South after the devastation of the late war. Enthusiasm encourages educa- tion. Enthusiasm stirs ambition, and ambition is the life of politics.

True enthusiasm can only come from sincere conviction.

Mr. J. L. Knight was the second speaker. His subject was, "The modern woman." The world is advancing and we cannot expect woman to lag behind. Woman now has the right to enter any avenue of honest endeavor. There are now women lawyers, doctors, architects, etc. The speaker consid- ered architecture an especially inviting field for woman. It is argued that higher education tends to decrease marriage, but while the educated woman may be slower in entering the bonds of matrimony, yet when she does get in she is not so anxious to get out as the uneducated woman.

After Mr. Knight had finished wor-

shipping sufficiently at the shrine of woman, Mr. A. H. Oliver delivered an oration on "Some phases of American liberty."

America is the heritage of the op- pressed. America has superior natural advantages to any other country of the world. In our nation lies the hope of freedom for all nations. It is through her aid and help that the weak coun- tries of the Western hemisphere

A TRIBUNE REPRESENTATIVE

AT NEWBERN—THE ATTRACTIONS THURSDAY

Knocked into a Cocked Hat by the Rain—A Barrel Full of Other Very Interesting News.

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 25.

The horrible, miserable rain knocked the races and other amusements at the fair into a cocked hat today. The weather was beautiful Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, until last night, when a gentle downpour commenced and is still on. It seemed like the elements held up for the Raleigh crowds, and after they had a day's sport, it cared nothing for other people's enjoyment. Raleighites came in fair weather and took it away with them. They certainly left the worst day a fair could have.

It is indeed a sorry put-out crowd here. Nowhere to go this disgusting day. The belles and beaux get along all right for they sit around holding hands. But the others—there are others.

IN THE EXHIBITION HALLS.

All the ladies are very much pleased with the art embroidery display. One large glass case standing eight feet high is filled with the handwork of Newbern's fair daughters, and their cousins from other cities in Eastern North Carolina. It is a very large display and the individual pieces are too many to mention.

Across the room from the embroidery display is the china painting and canvas painting exhibit. Most of this display is from other towns, but none the less it is interesting. Most excellent work is shown in both china and canvas.

In the department opposite is the culinary exhibit, where all the various good things to eat are shown. The display tempts the appetite of even a dyspeptic man. But the various things are for show and not to eat—until after the fair is over.

A large collection of relics and curios occupy a part of this room. Most of this display has never been exhibited before and is consequently new to the old timers.

On the floor below this is a magnificent collection of pot, cut and other flowers, which occupy one-half of the entire floor. One can see in this room at a glance what the balmy, magnificent climate of Eastern North Carolina can produce in a sea-winter season.

The other half of this floor is used for piano and glass exhibits, which are private concerns.

In the basement, which is a well-lighted apartment, are the products of the garden, field and smoke-house. Fine specimens of grain, hay, c. blage, turnips, hams, sausages and hundreds of other things too numerous to mention can be found by those interested.

The fish, oyster, game, cattle, stock, pigs and fowl exhibits have been referred to before.

NOTES AROUND THE GROUNDS.

Two Raleigh firms have the only displays in their lines, and they are excellent ones. Tucker's big dry-goods store have an exhibition of oriental rugs and tapestry. Darnell & Thomas have a large display of their popular musical instruments.

The crowds were so great yesterday many men and boys walked the streets all night, or slept on steps or in stairways. It is a sleepy set of countrymen and, even town people you meet to day. Provisions will have to be made to take care of the crowds, no difference how large, or future fairs of Newbern will suffer. Some effort should be made to get private homes thrown open to the people who swarm Newbern's hospitable caverns.

The German dance last night was led by Miss Lee, of Goldsboro, and Mr. T. G. Hyman, of Newbern.

Pickpockets have done some work, but so far few complaints are lodged against them. One man was touched yesterday for fifty dollars, and another was done to-day for a smaller sum.

The fakirs on the ground are numerous, but few bitters grab the hooks.

The special train to Raleigh left here at 4 o'clock this morning. A number of the legislative delegation waited until the regular train at 9:30.

CHARLOTTE NOT A "BOOM" CITY.

Contrast Between the Charlotte of 1891 and of 1896.

Special to THE TRIBUNE.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 26.—The study of this city from a business standpoint is an interesting one, considering that its actual energy and growth only date back to 1891. At that time there were numerous "booms" of towns going on throughout the country, and more especially in the South, a very large percentage of which proved "boomerangs."

Charlotte's move was made by men of caution and of brains, besides wealth in a goodly amount. At that time (1891) it was a very pretty place of about 11,000 inhabitants, few of whom had little if any ambition to increase its population, or develop its natural beauty. But there were some of her merchants who saw in the Queen City an opportunity by wresting her from the grasp of inertia, to develop the town's ability to habitate as a city.

The first move was in the direction of an electric street railway, the laying out of that beautiful site, Dilworth, and making a grand park for recreation for the town adjacent. These things were done, and well done, and today Charlotte has the best equipped city railway in the South, and the only one, perhaps, that is remunerative to its owners. Thus was given, with improved services in electric lighting, the first impetus to a metropolitan life which is apparent to every visitor within her borders. Buildings began to rise on "old eye-sores," both within the city and around the suburbs; capital was tendering its magic influence; brains were active and all gave birth to various enterprises which stand today as monuments of thrift and good judgment.

Think of her position now, with but 20,000 inhabitants.

Count the smokestacks through which the evidence of the live furnace below sends its curling smoke to the clouds with unuttered gratitude that men and women are honestly earning their daily bread, and that capital and

labor, hand in hand, are making the fire-side happy, and affording means to educate those who would drink at the fountain of knowledge. Yes, when you count these stacks you will find ten are from cotton mills, four from foundries, three roller covering shops, two flouring mills, four pants, one card clothing, one shuttle block factory. Now in the heart of the city are three well equipped electrical supply depots with machine shops attached; wholesale drug, grocery, dry goods and confectionary stores, with eighteen retail drug stores, and groceries in profusion; thirty-one physicians to administer relief to the sick; twenty-six churches representing leading denominations of Christianity, with a Rabbi, who looks after his people with fatherly care.

The streets are well made, houses neat and comfortable, yards looking like flower gardens, and the well dressed young folk to make attractive the leading thoroughfares when "old Sol" peeps forth—and which he has not done for so long that the sight of him will make all happy. Indeed Charlotte is the Mecca of the State. Scarcely a day passed without the papers noting the coming of a new family from some part of the State or contiguous South Carolina, but she deserves the influx. In capital she leads the State, and in that she distributes it through the beneficial arteries, the banks. Of these she has five, and one in embryo. No institution between Washington and Florida rates higher as a solid institution, well managed and flourishing, than the Commercial National Bank of this city. It has erected a monument of figures in the last decade that form a base of nearly one million dollars of assets graduating to an apex, or the beginning of the institution, at about one hundred thousand dollars. The officers of the bank are men of well-known financial ability. Col. J. S. Spencer, a successful merchant of many years, is President, and Capt. A. G. Brenizer, a born banker, is the Cashier. It is the U. S. State and city depository. Its business is very large, conducted upon the plan of similar concerns in the larger centers. Its directors are prominent as successful conductors of other enterprises. It is a credit to the city, and is highly appreciated by a very large constituency.

BELATED COMMUNICATION.

But it is Interesting Reading Nevertheless.

Wilmington, Feb. 25.—Weather continued cold and clear until last night, when it commenced to rain—is raining hard at this writing.

Mrs. Sallie O. Garrell, wife of Mr. J. P. Garrell, died at her home on Walnut street Tuesday noon. The remains were interred in Oakdale yesterday. Mrs. Garrell is survived by a husband and three brothers.

Crowds from this city are attending the Newbern fair.

London Grove No. 2, Ancient Order of Druids, celebrates its third anniversary this evening with a banquet and appropriate exercises.

Mr. William Stevens, also known as "Drake," is energetically showing his mayoralty boom along A petition shown by this candidate bears the name of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, William McKinley, and so on. Mark Hanna's name is not on the list so I fear "Drake's" chances are very slim.

The Hibernian Benevolent Society gave a "sociable" Tuesday night in Hibernian Hall. The affair was a great success, nearly 200 people being present. Mrs. J. W. Harper, wife of Capt. John W. Harper, of the steamer Wilmington, died late Tuesday night in Southport. Mrs. Harper was the daughter of Capt. R. F. Toley, of Southport, and a niece of Mrs. E. Warren, of this city. She is survived by three children, one being only a week old. The funeral takes place today in Southport.

Several additions have been made in the past two days to the fleet of vessels in port. Three barks and several schooners are among the new-comers.

A concert is to be given in St. Thomas Hall Friday evening of this week.

There promises to be some fun this evening at the mass meeting of the Republican voters. Russellites and anti-Russellites will be found in "one red burial blent," if all signs don't fail. It is a fact that Governor Russell has the biggest kind of opposition right in Wilmington. Every one believes that the bill defeated Tuesday to amend the charter of this city was the creation of the Governor, in spite of the impression to the contrary, given out by Sutton of Cumberland. It is the intention, I understand, to endorse at this meeting tonight the bill forwarded to Representative Howe and first published in THE TRIBUNE last Friday. This bill leaves the election of mayor and other officers to the voters of the city, and I believe it meets the views and wishes of the majority of the rank and file of our citizens, irrespective of party. "Nigger domination" is a bugaboo, and an immaterial, intangible, will o'-the-wisp, used to frighten those unacquainted with the facts. The anti-Russellites will probably "hunt a trail" in order to prevent the endorsing of the bill referred to.

The New York Journal's dispatch boat, "Yamoose," put in Southport yesterday afternoon for orders.

Mrs. George Sandford, who died in Orange, N. J., Monday, will be buried here this morning.

Mr. B. F. King, grocer, made an assignment yesterday to P. B. Manning, Esq. The failure is due to swindles perpetrated by John C. Davis some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Collins arrived in the city last night from Catharine Lake. Mrs. Collins till yesterday afternoon was Miss Lucy Taylor. The young couple will reside in this city.

Mr. A. M. Harrison, of Raleigh, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Haywood, the newly married, arrived here last night from Durham. They will reside at No. 11, North Sixth street.

The ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold an entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Tuesday night next. An excellent programme has been prepared.

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Swung into Eternity.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb. 25.—Two colored men were hanged on the scaffold here today, though not at the same moment.

At 1:16 the trap was sprung first, and Robert Cox was swung into eternity for the crime of criminal assault. He went to his death coolly, and made no statement. His neck was broken, and at the end of eight minutes was pronounced dead.

At 5:55, Jim Davis was executed for the murder of Lawrence Williams, a boy. His neck was broken, and he died in eight minutes. He refused spiritual assistance, and made a brief speech on the gallows, in which he said he was ruined by the devil.

THE TRIBUNE PUBLISHING CO.

Articles of Agreement, Certificate of Clerk and Letters Patent.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. We, the undersigned, being desirous of engaging in the business hereinafter set forth and described, do hereby enter into articles of agreement for that purpose pursuant to chapter 16 of the Code of North Carolina, entitled "Corporations and Acts of the General Assembly of North Carolina amendatory thereof," that is to say:

I. The corporation name shall be the Tribune Publishing Company.

II. The business proposed shall be the publication of one or more newspapers, conducting the business of job printing and binding and carrying on such business as is usually done by printing and publishing companies.

III. The place where said business is proposed to be carried on is Raleigh, North Carolina, and such other place or places for branch offices as the Board of Directors may determine.

IV. The length of time desired for the existence of said corporation is thirty years from and after the dates of these articles next entering.

V. The names of the persons who have subscribed for stock in said corporation are as follows, viz.: C. M. Kenyon, C. J. Harris, F. M. Messler, J. B. Hill and their associates.

VI. The amount of the capital stock of said corporation shall be \$20,000 divided into 2,000 shares of the par value of \$10.00 each, with liberty to the stockholders to increase the amount of said capital stock from time to time, or at any time to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, divided into a proportionate number of shares of the par value of ten dollars each.

VII. The said corporation may purchase or lease or hold all such real and personal and mixed property incident to the business aforesaid and necessary and useful for that purpose as the board of directors shall determine, and subscription for stock in said corporation may be paid wholly or in part by the purchase from the subscriber of property at such appraised valuation as may be agreed on between the board of directors and the subscriber.

VIII. The corporation subscribers of stock and stockholders of said corporation shall not be individually or personally responsible or liable for the debts, contracts, pecuniary obligations, engagements or torts of said corporation.

IX. The time and place of the first meeting of the incorporators and subscribers for stock in said corporation for purpose of organization is hereby expressly waived.

In testimony whereof, the undersigned have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the sixth day of January, 1897.

C. M. KENYON,

F. M. MESSLER,

J. B. HILL,

Subscribing witness:

WILLIAM O. NEILL.

NORTH CAROLINA,

WAKE COUNTY.

I, D. H. Young, Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake County, do hereby certify that the foregoing articles of agreement and plan of incorporation was this day proven before me, and the due execution thereof by C. M. Kenyon, F. M. Messler and J. B. Hill, the subscribers thereto, is proven by the oath of William O. Neill, the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore, let the same be recorded according to law.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 16th day of January, 1897.

D. H. YOUNG,

Clerk Superior Court.

No. 443.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting.

Know ye, That it appears from the certificate from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake County, that the following named persons, C. M. Kenyon, F. M. Messler and J. B. Hill, herebefore on the 6th day of January, 1897, signed and filed Articles of Agreement for the formation of a private corporation before said Clerk, and copy of said Articles of Agreement, duly certified by said Clerk under the seal of said Court, have been filed and recorded in this office, as prescribed in chapter 318 of Acts of 1893.

Now, Therefore, Under the power and authority vested in me by said chapter 318 of said Acts of 1893, I do hereby declare the persons signing said Articles of Agreement duly incorporated, under the name and style of the Tribune Publishing Company for the period of thirty years from and after the 15th day of January, 1897, for the purposes set forth in said Articles of Agreement, with all the powers, rights and liabilities conferred and imposed by law on such corporations.

Witness, my hand and the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina, at office in the City of Raleigh, this 19th day of January, in the 121st year of our Independence, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

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THE DAILY TRIBUNE.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1897.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Raleigh and Vicinity.

Fair tonight and Saturday. Decidedly colder tonight, with freezing temperature Saturday.

Forecast for North Carolina.

Generally fair tonight. Saturday fair, but with increasing cloudiness. Colder.

Weather Conditions.

The low barometer central Thursday on the south Atlantic coast has disappeared into the Atlantic.

The weather is still cloudy over Florida, but it is raining at only one station, Jupiter. The weather is also cloudy in the Ohio valley and east Lake region, with some snow. Over the rest of the country it is clear.

The high barometer in the northwest has increased to 30.9 inches, with a decided cold wave, the temperature having fallen to 20 or more below zero at Bismarck, Huron and St. Paul.

C. F. VON HEIMANN,
Section Director.

Personals.

Miss Birdie Person is in the city. Congressman John Fowler has left the city.

Mr. P. C. Ennis has returned to the city.

Capt. R. B. Peebles went home yesterday.

Superintendent Leazar returned yesterday.

Judge H. G. Connor, of Wilson, is in the city.

Mr. B. S. Royster returned to Oxford yesterday.

Mr. W. R. Tucker went to Goldsboro yesterday.

Mr. B. Clegg Ashcraft, of Monroe, is in the city.

Mr. S. J. Noham, of Bessemer City, is in the city.

Mr. W. R. Pruden returned to Edenton yesterday.

Ex-Judge W. R. Allen went to Goldsboro yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Jenkins, of Wake Forest, is in the city.

Mr. T. J. Patrick, of Southern Pines, is in the city.

Mr. J. A. Bryan, of Newberne, is at the Yarrowburgh.

Mr. W. B. Ellis, of the Union Republican, is in town.

Messrs. W. W. Flowers, R. B. Boone, of Durham, are at the Yarrowburgh.

Messrs. J. E. Cox, of High Point, and E. T. White, are at the Yarrowburgh.

Messrs. C. C. Cooper and E. H. Crews of Rocky Mount are at the Yarrowburgh.

Mr. J. P. Arrington, of Nashville, and Mr. N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, are in Raleigh.

Mrs. D. W. Coon, of Saratoga, N. Y., and Mrs. Jane Evans, of Brooklyn, are at the Park.

Messrs. J. G. Boylin, of Wadesboro, and J. N. Gibbons, of Wilson, are at the Yarrowburgh.

Mrs. Thomas Jones left yesterday for Nashville, Tenn., where she will now make her home.

Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson went to Goldsboro yesterday. He holds court in Pitt next week.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, a prominent banker of Gastonia and a stalwart Republican, is at the Yarrowburgh.

Messrs. T. Norman Jones, W. H. Corant and S. M. Bobbitt, of Wilson, are at the Yarrowburgh.

Sheriff Monroe, of Rowan county, brought a convict to the penitentiary for seven years for highway robbery.

Messrs. J. W. Ingald, J. G. Hollingsworth, E. E. Gorham, W. J. McDonald, of Fayetteville, are at the Yarrowburgh.

Messrs. Hal Gilliam, of Wilson; E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington; Charles F. Warren, of Washington, are at the Yarrowburgh.

Messrs. J. C. Tucker, of Louisville; H. B. Adams, of Monroe, and J. A. Smith, of Bessemer City, N. C., are at the Park.

Editor John R. Webster, of Webster's Weekly, of Raleigh, spent yesterday in the city. He came down to witness the big Senate railroad fight.

Among the other arrivals at the Park yesterday were J. E. Hays, H. G. Griffin, Texas; J. R. Henderson, Ohio; Jas. W. Rabe, Philadelphia; C. C. Anderson, Jr., Atlanta, and L. R. Palmer, Richmond.

Mr. William W. Clark, of Newberne, whom President Cleveland has appointed judge to fill the position held by the late Judge Seymour, was in the city yesterday. He is making a fight for confirmation by the Senate.

G. W. Hinshaw, of Winston, was in attendance upon the Senate yesterday watching the progress of the railroad battle. Mr. Hinshaw, by the way, is a staunch advocate for the sustaining of the lease. Of course he is pleased with the result.

Some of the other arrivals at the Yarrowburgh yesterday were J. L. Brennan, New York; Charles Spear, New York; C. T. Williams, Portsmouth; J. M. Lewis, Richmond; B. A. Richardson, Jr., Norfolk; L. H. Matthez, Charleston, S. C.

Mr. John A. Hendricks returned to his home at Marshall. Marshall is a noted place. Here the first peg shoes were made, it is said. The shoemakers had to make peg shoes because the town is narrow—being hemmed in by a mountain and river—they could not have room to draw their threads.

Mr. A. M. McPheeters leaves this morning for Greensboro, where he will meet the funeral train carrying the remains of the late Dr. James F. Leftwich, brother of Mrs. McPheeters. The interment will take place at Bedford City Va., this afternoon. Dr. Leftwich was one of the most gifted Presbyterian divines in the country. For fifteen years he was pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Baltimore, on the corner of Park street and Madison avenue. For several years he has been traveling for his health. He was sixty-three at the time of his death. He leaves a wife, a son, who is a prominent lawyer of Atlanta, and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of Prof. Thomas P. Harrison, of Davidson college.

Woolcott & Son's big Department Store is full of goods. Call and look over the stock on the first and second floors. We keep anything you want to eat or wear or to put in the house, except Genus' Clothing and Furniture.

Military Affairs.

The committee on military affairs of the House met in the speaker's room last night and unanimously reported the bill for the support of our State guard. The appropriation was much less than in 1893 and 1894 and slightly more than in 1895 and 1896. Gen. Cowles appeared before the committee and showed the necessity of strengthening the guard. Eight members were present.

Seven companies have notified the adjutant general that they will attend President McKinley's inauguration. They pay their own expenses, but will be given quarters in the interior building.

Chasing a Thief.

There was an exciting chase after a colored thief on North Person street just opposite the Governor's mansion, yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock. A representative of The Tribune joined in the chase, but his legs were so short he could not catch the thief, and while he had a magazine on his person, he did not use it—all Tribune men carry magazines. The thief escaped.

Grace—George and I had our pictures taken together today, and what do you think? He actually proposed to me just as the photographer pushed the button!

Carmelia—What did you say?

Grace—Oh, I replied in the negative.

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In these piping times of peace that the people care to waste it. When one reflects how many hours of labor; how many sacrifices and denials are enclosed with the disc of that shining bit of precious metal we call a "dollar," what wonder people hesitate to part with it, except for value received. If the testimony of this community can be relied upon (and who dares question it?) we give for your money the greatest values.

BIG SHEETING BARGAINS.

6-4 heavy bleached sheeting, worth 15c., our price 12½c.; 9-4 heavy bleached sheeting, full measurement, worth 20c. at 17c.; 7-4 heavy unbleached sheeting 11c.

DRESS GINGHAMS.

500 yards dress gingham, principally stripes, beautiful spring colorings. You would likely take them for the 10c. kind; our price as long as they last, 6c.

TROUSER SALE.

Tomorrow starts a big sale in our clothing department. We invite you to take a look at the special attractions we are now showing in men's trousers. \$1.50 men's trousers at \$1.18; \$2 men's trousers at \$1.39; \$2.50 men's trousers at \$1.98; \$3 men's trousers at \$2.33; boys' pants 25c., 35c. and 50c., worth a third more.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

Tomorrow (Saturday) will be bargain day in the shoe department. Men's calf shoes, fair stitched, congress and laced, at \$1.60; men's porpoise calf shoes, Scotch bottoms, worth \$3, at \$2.25; women's fine dongola kid button boots; heel and spring heel, sizes 2½ to 6, the regular \$1.50 kind, at \$1.25; women's vici kid button boots, sizes 3 to 6, at \$1.48.

W. E. JONES.

FEDERAL COURT.

Cases Decided Yesterday—Court Adjourned.

Charles R. Johnson vs. W. E. & Bradley Cahoon (two cases, equity and civil); judgment in favor of the plaintiff in both cases.

Whilden Springer et al. vs. Howe & Sheats et al.; order referring cause to Hon. H. G. Connor. Let plaintiffs execute bond, etc.

Sundry accounts of United States commissioners were ordered paid.

In the case of Hensley vs. Langdon Coal Mining company; restraining order of Mr. D. F. Caldwell dissolved.

Wiley P. Mangum, of Granville county, plead guilty to a charge of illicit distilling. He was given three months' imprisonment and fined \$100.

Joseph Shields plead guilty to retailing and was given one month's imprisonment and fined \$100.

Allen Jones also plead guilty to retailing and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Mary H. Smith vs. Aetna Life Insurance Company was an action for \$5,000 on the life of George W. Wightman.

The verdict was given in favor of the insurance company. Wightman had consumption when the policy was taken out and died about a week after.

United States vs. C. P. Pool and sureties on the internal revenue distillers bond. Four judgments were rendered—\$389.08, \$125.68, \$89.98 and \$20.79.

Marriage license was issued to J. D. Betts to wed Lettie Sexton yesterday.

New lot of Bouquet Lamp Globes just received. Price, 75c. and \$1.00.

WOOLCOTT & SON.

Governor's Office.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 26, 1897.

In the matter of the pardon of Peter Hayrie, convicted at the February term, 1896, of Madison Superior court, of assault with deadly weapon. Sentenced to two years on the county roads of Madison county.

In this case the pardon is recommended by the trial judge, Ewart; by the solicitor who prosecuted; by Senator Pritchard; by Senator Kolins; by Hon. V. S. Lusk, and by Mr. Roberts, the member from Madison. It appears that the man has already suffered enough.

Pardon granted.

(Signed) DANIEL L. RUSSELL.

Go to Theodore & Physic if you want a swell suit, and save ten or fifteen dollars.

Denton's Restaurant and Saloon is opposite the Postoffice, 311 and 313 Fayetteville street. Make no mistake.

Notice.

Know all men by these presents, that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Harris Brown and Isaac Seligson, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All claims against the firm of Brown & Seligson to be paid by the said Isaac Seligson, and all debts due the firm of Brown & Seligson to be paid by Levin & Brown, 216 Wilmington St.

This February 18, 1897.

Drink I. W. Harper's Whiskey, only 10 cents per drink or \$1.00 per quart, at Denton's (Sole Agent).

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The telegraph puts us within easy touch of the great Northern markets, and hot dispatches "burn the wires" to the great benefit of our patrons and friends. Conditions hurry the unloading of all Winter Goods at prices within the reach of all. The attractive offerings of our Fresh Spring Dress Goods, prominently displayed at under-current prices, are irresistibly tempting.

Eager, wide-awake buyers, to participate in this bargain distribution. The crucial test of a critical examination is welcomed.

Tomorrow begins a week of Dress Goods surprises. The past week was prolific of extraordinary Dress Goods buying, and from the immense display it will be plainly palpable that, in the nature of prices Dress Goods must inevitably be more later in the season.

New Spring 1897 Dress Goods.

10c New Serges, Chameleon Damasse, Whip Cords Jacquards and Cashmeres, Green, Grey, Tan, Blue, Brown, and mode Solid shades and luminous grounds.

25c A large line of New English Checks, New Star Plaids, New Mohair Glace, Pompadour Cloths, New Bourette and New Two-tone Suitings.

50c For High Class Dress Fabrics, the greatest showing of Fancy and Plain Dress Goods at 50c ever placed on these counters. The largest variety of Stylish Fabrics, the most complete assortments we ever brought out at this popular price. English mixed Tweeds, Habit Cloths, Tailor-made Suitings, Cheviots, Henriettas, Diagonals and Storm Serges.

1897 NEW BLACK DRESS GOODS 1897

New styles are in urgent request and sell quickly. The popularity of this department is attested by frequent and ready sales. Choice selections rapidly closed and cannot be duplicated. Second shipments to arrive this week! Black Figured Mohairs, plain Sicilians, Clay Serges, Tufted Twills, Silk-finish Henriettas, Moiré, Cashmeres, Camel Hair Novelties, Crepons, Cheviots and wide-wale Serges.

Dress Trimmings and Garnitures.

Brocaded Gros Grains and Satin Damas, Chameleon Armures, Ondre Taffetas, plain, fancy and figured Silks, Velvets, &c. New Jets, Spangle Trimming and Gilt Braids, matching all shades and colors in the new Spring Dress Materials.

EMBROIDERIES AND LACES.

The confusion on the Embroidery Table is brought about by the extra good values, beautiful new designs and cheapness of the goods. Pull 'em and toss 'em about at will, they can't last long, the small prices will soon clear them. The rapidity with which these Hamburgs move is without a parallel.